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REMARKS

Thorough examination and careful review of the application by the Examiner is noted and appreciated.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-11, 13, 15, and 17-25 are pending in the application.

Claims 11, 13, 15, and 17-25 are allowed.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-10 are rejected.

The gracious allowance of Claims 11, 13, 15, and 17-25 is noted and appreciated by the Applicants.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §102

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 10 are rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Kondo et al.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 10 have been cancelled and withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §103

Claims 2 and 9 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kondo et al in view of Woo et al.

Claims 2 and 9 have been cancelled and withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner.

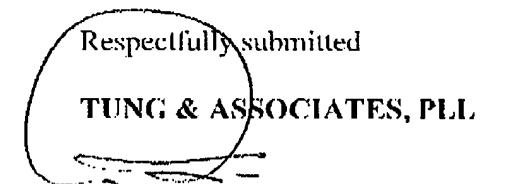
Claim 8 is rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kondo et al in view of Osterheld et al.

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Claim 8 has been cancelled and withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that all the remaining Claims, i.e. Claims 11, 13, 15 and 17-20 have been allowed by the Examiner. A passage to issuance of these Claims at any early date is respectfully solicited from the Examiner.

In the event that the present invention as claimed is not in condition for allowance for any reason, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative at his Bloomfield Hills, Michigan office at (248) 540-4040 such that necessary action may be taken to place the application in a condition for allowance.



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